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SUBJECT: HANOI COMMENT ON CODEL VISIT

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A RADIO HANOI BROADCAST OF MARCH 8  
MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE CON-  
GRESSIONAL DELEGATION WHICH RECENTLY VISITED VIETNAM:

BEGIN QUOTE:

ACCORDING TO WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES, ALMOST ALL OF THE EIGHT  
U.S. CONGRESSMEN RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO INDOCHINA LAST  
WEEK AFFIRMED THAT MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING DETAINED  
IN SOUTH VIETNAM. REPRESENTATIVE MCCLOSKEY ASSERTED THAT HE  
HAD EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE  
SOUTH, SAYING THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE CIVILIAN PRISONERS  
IN THE FIVE PRISONS THAT HE VISITED ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS.  
MORE THAN HALF OF THE 32,000 PRISONERS--FIGURES SUPPLIED BY THE  
THIEU CLIQUE--HAVE NEVER BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL. ALMOST ALL  
OF THEM ARE BEING DETAINED IN PRISONS BUILT BY THE CIA. THE  
CIA ADVISERS HAVE TAUGHT THE SAIGON POLICE WAYS TO SAVAGELY  
TORTURE PRISONERS.

WHEN AN OFFICIAL OF THE U. S. EMBASSY REITERATED THAT THERE  
ARE NO MORE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MCCLOSKEY  
ANGRILY RETORTED: I WILL HAVE YOU REPEAT THAT STATEMENT UNDER  
OATH BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, AND I WILL PROSECUTE  
YOU FOR PERJURY.

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THE UNITED STATES AND ITS HENCHMEN HAVE LONG NURTURED

THE DESIGN TO IMPOSE NEOCOLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND TO PERPETUATE THE PARTITION OF OUR COUNTRY. FOR THIS REASON, THEY HAVE COMMITTED ALL TYPES OF CRIMINAL ACTS WITH A VIEW TO EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES OF THE PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE FOR PEACE OF ALL STRATA OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

TO AVOID THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AS SPECIFIED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE THIEU CLIQUE HAS ESTABLISHED FAKE DOSSIERS TO TRANSFORM POLITICAL PRISONERS INTO ORDINARY CULPRITS AND HAS FABRICATED THE STORY OF RETURNEES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE DETAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS. IT HAS DECEIVED THESE PRISONERS BY SAYING THAT IT WILL RELEASE THEM, BUT HAS SOUGHT TO SECRETLY KILL THEM. IT HAS INCREASED TERRORISM AND MERCILESSLY REPPRESSED AND KILLED PRISONERS EN MASSE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSPIRED WITH THIEU IN THIS SAVAGE MASSACRE AND IN THE DETENTION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND HAS ORGANIZED AND FOSTERED THE POLICE MACHINERY AND PRISON SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH.  
END QUOTE.  
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